

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A gasket ~~wherein~~comprising two metallic coned disc springs each of which has a central circulation opening therethrough for a fluid in a central portion and each of which is formed into a seal surface in which ~~an outer~~a peripheral portion with respect to~~about~~ the circulation opening rises having an arc-like curved surface, the surface being inclined upwardly and extending outwardly in a radial direction from the circulation opening, and the surface then being inclined downwardly and extending outwardly in the radial direction to an outer diameter peripheral edge portion, the two coned disc springs being~~are~~ combined while being oppositely directed and ~~have~~the outer diameter peripheral edge portions ~~which are~~being welded and ~~fixed~~joined about the circumferences thereof.

2. (Currently amended) A gasket ~~wherein~~comprising two metallic coned disc springs having identical shapes, each of ~~which has~~said disc spring having a circulation opening for a fluid in a central flat portion and each of which is formed into a seal surface ~~in which an outer~~that extends outwardly and upwardly from the flat portion and warps near an outer diameter peripheral edge portion ~~warps having~~to define an arc-like curved surface~~are~~, the two coned disc springs being combined while being oppositely directed on the central flat surface portions having the circulation openings, the central flat portions being ~~and are~~ welded and ~~fixed~~ joined with each other.

3. (Currently amended) A gasket comprising a first metallic coned disc spring which has a circulation opening for a fluid in a central portion and which is formed into a seal surface in which an outer peripheral portion with respect to the circulation opening rises having an arc-like curved surface, a second metallic coned disc spring having a circulation opening for a fluid in a central flat portion, and a third metallic coned disc spring which has a circulation opening for a fluid in a central flat portion and which is formed into a seal surface in which an outer diameter peripheral edge portion warps having an arc-like curved surface, wherein the second coned disc spring is combined with the first coned disc spring while both are oppositely directed so that the outer diameter peripheral edge portions thereof are welded and fixed, and the third coned disc spring is combined with the second coned disc spring while both are ~~oppositely directed~~oriented so that the central flat portions thereof are welded and fixed.

4. (New) The gasket of Claim 1, wherein the central circulation openings are in axial alignment with each other.

5. (New) The gasket of Claim 4, wherein the central circulation openings are circular.

6. (New) The gasket of Claim 1, wherein each said coned disc spring includes said circulation opening and a large opening defined by the outer peripheral edge portion before said coned disc springs are joined about the respective peripheral edge portions.

7. (New) The gasket of Claim 2, wherein the central circulation openings are in axial alignment with each other.

8. (New) The gasket of Claim 7, wherein the central circulation openings are circular.